

WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

MINUTES

February 9, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Patterson, John Pelosi, Don Daria, Everett Bolton, Earl Creutzburg, Austin Proctor, Paul Krebs, and Pete Thibodeau (ex officio)
Members Absent: Jeff Yokovich
Staff: Ann Ayers

CALL TO ORDER

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: John Pelosi made a motion to approve Minutes from January 26, 2009. Don Daria seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tree Seedling Giveaway Schedule – UFB members signed up to work at the tree seedling giveaway. Set up to occur at 7:30 a.m. at Town Hall. Trees are scheduled to arrive on February 26th. Staff will send the fact sheets to the printer for the four species and will purchase bags.
- b. Top 10 for Internet posting – UFB reviewed and approved the draft for posting on the Town's website. If possible, the UFB wants this information posted prior to February 28th.
- c. T-Shirts – UFB members considered two options for Arbor Day T-Shirts: Steve's Tees or Instant Imprints. Both quotes are similar. However, Instant Imprints will use the winning poster in its original form in full digital color. Paul Krebs made a motion to purchase the T-Shirts from Instant Imprints. Earl Creutzburg seconded the motion. Don Daria recused himself from the vote. The motion was approved 6-0.
- d. Arbor Day Mugs – UFB members considered purchasing mugs, which were not included in the proposed budget. John Pelosi made a motion to purchase mugs if funds can be found, Earl Creutzburg seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.
- e. Green Medal Awards – Nominations were presented. The UFB considered the following:
 - Civic – Pack 5 Cub Scouts
 - Civic – Pack 500 Cub Scouts
 - Community Forester – John Rich
 - Program – Pete Jordan
 - Corporate – The Lodge at Wake Forest

John Pelosi made a motion to approve the green medal awards of excellence to each of the above nominees, including two Civic Awards. Earl Creutzburg seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Arbor Day – Updates & Discussion
 - Tree seedlings have been ordered and will arrive on Thursday, February 26, 2009, before the February 28 giveaway. This year, we will have 200 Black Walnut, 500 River Birch, 500 Bald Cypress and 1000 Chestnut Oak tree seedlings.
 - Press releases, E-News and newsletter advertisement went out to advertise the Poster Contest, Green Medal Awards and the Tree Seedling Giveaway.
 - Arbor Day Program will be drafted in February.
 - T-Shirts do not need to be ready for the tree seedling giveaway and will be ordered to arrive prior to March 12th.
 - Poster Contest Certificates will be drafted in February.
 - Green Medal Award quotes have been received. Don Daria verified that Pack 5 and Pack 500 are both Cub Scout Troops. UFB members will send supporting information for Green Medal Awards.
 - Community House is reserved for March 12, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - WF Women's Club and WF Garden Club usually provide refreshments – make contact to confirm.
 - Wake Forest Elementary School has committed to provide student entertainment for the Arbor Day Celebration.
 - No speaker was identified.
- b. Tree City USA – Wake Forest received notification of its 30th Consecutive Tree City USA Certification and its 16th Growth Award.
- c. Street Tree Planting – Danny Blake has installed over 100 of the street trees. The UFB discussed the difficulty we are having obtaining sizable 'Fantasy' Crape Myrtles and 'Carolina Beauty' as an alternative. 'Carolina Beauty' has the proper form and mature height, dark red blooms, and tan (unremarkable) bark. The UFB requested that staff cast a wider net for 'Fantasy' but authorized use of 'Carolina Beauty' if sufficient stock of 5-6' tall 'Fantasy' cannot be found.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Earl Creutzburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Krebs seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

John Patterson, Chairman

Ann Ayers, Planner/Secretary